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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

RE: EMERGENCY PLANNING

Before leaving AMCOMLIB for assignment to RFE, [] feels it advisable to prepare this status report on the Committee's emergency and redeployment planning. This report will review for Messrs. Sargeant and Kelley our current planning and set out for their information what remains to be done.

Following the Munich meetings on August 31 and September 1, referred to in a previously submitted memorandum, a new Letter of Instruction was drafted at USAREUR Headquarters in Heidelberg and forwarded to us for approval. The preparation of this new letter is significant since it incorporates a new concept for our contingency planning. Set out below is a brief summary of the prior and new concept as set forth in the old and the new Letter of Instruction (LOI) for AMCOMLIB:

Old Concept:

Evacuation in two broad movements -- a NEO (Non Combatant Evacuation) movement; and a RONTU (Relocation of Non Tactical Unit) movement. NEO movement of dependents, etc., to be carried out as free flow movement along designated NEO routes to safe haven areas as indicated by the military. RONTU movement carried out as organizational move along designated route. Convoy utilized military traffic bloc number and entered military convoy at designated entry point and time. This column to move to Committee's redeployment point at Southern Base.

New Concept:

As set forth in the new LOI, there are still two basic movements: (1) A combined NEO/RONTU movement which will include three groups - an operational group being directed to the Southern Base for continued operation; dependents being moved to military safe haven areas; and a group of employees (with dependents) whose special talents (language, area knowledge, etc.) are not required for the Committee's continued operation, but whose capabilities will be required by the military. This last group, identified to the military, proceeds with the column to the point where they are actually made available to a military (or possibly Agency) operational pool. (2) The second movement under this new concept is a Post/RONTU movement. This envisions a small operational group which remains behind after departure of the NEO/RONTU group described above to ensure continued operation from Munich-Lampertheim.

In addition to the two basic movements contemplated under the new LOI, AMCOMLIB contemplates a third, independent transfer of personnel not specifically called for in the LOI. This will be an Advance Group, comprised of sufficient operational and support personnel to ensure continued operations from the Southern Base in the absence of contact with Munich-Lampertheim and until such time as the NEO/RONTU group arrives at its Southern Base destination.

As will be apparent, the revised redeployment concept embodied in the new LOI has created the necessity of planning for new logistical problems. Following is a brief chronological resume of steps taken thus far in the implementation of this new plan at AMCOMLIB.

Following meetings held in Munich on August 31 and September 1, [] participated in a regularly scheduled military practice evacuation and travelled to the Southern Base along our evacuation route accompanied by Mr. Valerio of RLD's Production Department.

In a meeting held at the Southern Base on September 12, 1961, [] were briefed regarding developments resulting from the August 31-September 1 Munich meetings. In addition, initial arrangements were made for a practice exercise to test RLD's ability to dispatch advance teams quickly from Munich to the Southern Base to maintain a broadcast capability under emergency conditions. This exercise was later carried out on September 28-29, 1961, and the results reported independently by []

Following receipt of the first draft of the new LOI on October 9, 1961, [] held a meeting on October 12, 1961 and briefed all Division Directors plus additional key personnel on the new plan and detailed for them the changes it involved along with the necessity for changes in our thinking. In addition, the following deadlines were set for updating of our plan:

Selection of personnel for Advance Group, NEO/RONTU Group and Post/RONTU Group	) To be completed by Oct. 20, 1961
Review of materiel requirements	- To be completed by Oct. 27, 1961
Review of special communications plan for transportation section	) To be completed by Oct. 27, 1961
Review of personnel information, e.g., addresses, dependents, vehicles, etc.	) To be completed by Oct. 27, 1961

The following additional topics were discussed in detail by Condon for the information of the meeting:

- a) Communications during alert
 - Duty Hours
 - Off-Duty Hours
- b) Transportation

- c) Documentation
- d) Rations
- e) Medical care
- f) Status of Reserve Officers
- g) Possibility of obtaining military license plates for our German registered vehicles

The deadline dates set out were met by all Divisions. On October 23, 1961, [] replied to the dispatch transmitting the first draft of the new LOI and set out four suggested changes, all of which have been incorporated in the second draft which we received on November 14, 1961.

A second briefing session was held by [] on November 2, 1961. Attendance at this second session was broadened to include second echelon elements such as Department Heads, etc. Following a review of the new LOI and a discussion of the proposals received regarding personnel and materiel, the following additional requirements were levied:

Tabulation of skills of personnel	)	To be completed by
to be made available to military	)	November 15, 1961
Establishing of Microfilm priorities	)	To be completed by
		November 15, 1961

Both of the above deadlines were also met by the designated divisional representatives. A "microfilm task force" was set up to include Harvey Robbins, Hy Busch, Edgar Forsberg and [] (now joined by Scholtz, who arrived on November 16). On November 20 this group met again and set out formal priorities and began immediate implementation of these new priorities with the microfilming of personnel and audience research files, setting aside the lower-priority filming of non-Slavic scripts. In addition, separate meetings have already been held by this group with representatives of all offices having any microfilming to be done.

On November 30, 1961 [] and Scholtz met with the USAREUR representative in Heidelberg. At that time, we advised formally that the second draft of the new LOI was acceptable to AMCOMLIB. Inquiry was made regarding turning over of the tabulated information regarding qualified personnel who might be made available to the military by AMCOMLIB. The USAREUR representative has initiated further inquiry to ascertain the form and procedure involved in this matter. In addition, arrangements were made for the purchase of USAREUR license plates, to be picked up after January 1, 1962, when new plates will be available. Passport Control Cards were also obtained for non-American personnel and the necessary card-punching data was obtained from the Data-Processing Unit at USAREUR so that these cards can be prepared by our own personnel utilizing RFE equipment.

Mr. Busch, who had been designated to obtain additional information regarding microfilming equipment, did this at Mannheim and Frankfurt during November 30/December 1.

During the []-Scholtz visit to Heidelberg, arrangements were also made to place the Station Manager, Lampertheim, in direct contact with appropriate military channels at Mannheim-Heidelberg. Transportation and documentation for Lampertheim personnel have already been organized, but arrangements for communication, rations and specific routing instructions must await formal publication of the final draft of the LOI (which then becomes the basis for our being furnished necessary logistic support by the appropriate military commands).

The following deadlines have been set for actions remaining to be accomplished:

Briefing of neighborhood wardens (Wardens have previously been briefed, but areas have been re- districted and new wardens appointed in many instances)	)	To be completed by December 15, 1961
Briefing of key Americans who have been designated for Advance, NEO/RONTU and Post/RONTU assignments)	)	To be completed by December 15, 1961
Completion of negotiations for rations, commo and routing for Lampertheim Station	)	To be completed by Jan. 15, 1962 /Depends upon completion and dissemination of final draft of LOI./
Preparation of package proposal for Mr. Sargeant (see below)	)	To be completed by January 15, 1962

Since undertaking planning for the evacuation and redeployment of AMCOMLIB personnel and assets, we have done as much as possible without the expenditure of Committee funds. To date (other than time spent in working on this plan) no funds have been expended specifically for emergency planning and redeployment purposes. We have been successful in obtaining much support from the military, but it is our feeling now that in order to plan intelligently for continued operation in an emergency situation, the time has come for Committee-wide organizational planning and budgeting for this purpose. Rather than submit to Mr. Sargeant piecemeal requests for funds involving what may generally be termed emergency requirements, it is planned to coordinate all of these requests into one package proposal, which will also include some Southern Base requirements. As indicated, the deadline for submission of this proposal is January 15, 1962. This matter was discussed generally by [] with Mr. Kelley prior to his departure for home leave, and any proposal made will be discussed with Mr. Kelley in detail before being submitted to New York.

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